THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a), (b), (d) and (e) While WHO's formula for ORS contains Sodium Chloride, Potassium Chloride, Trisodium Citrate dihydrate and glucose, some ORS formulae moving in Indian market contain Sodium bicarbonate instead of Trisodium citrate dihydrate as per the recommendation of WHO's essential drug list so that when former is not available it can be replaced by latter.

The changes in the formulae of ORS could be due to the necessities depending on the severity of diarrhoea and as per the local needs and these formulae have been cleared in consultation with experts.

(c) The popular brands of ORS which are not exactly simmilar to ORS based on WHO's formula are as follows:—

1. Electral	Marketed by M/s. Fair Deal Corporation Bombay.
2. Regolyte	Marketed by M/s. Repatkos Brett & Co Ltd., Bombay.

(f) The Government of India does not purchase and supply Electrolyte Salt to Status|U.Ts. Governments under the Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme. The Government of India instead provides funds to State Governments for the purpose.

(g) and (h) Do not arise.

Death due to substandard and spurious Drugs

1176. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of cases of death due to administration of spurious and sub-standard drugs which came to the notice of the Government during last five years, wearwise indicating the number of deaths due to administration of each of the drugs, and the hospitals where it occurred and the States where each such hospital is situated;

(b) whether it is a fact that almost in all the cases prosecution efforts of Drugs Control Department have totally failed;

(c) what are the detaks of cases where culprits, have been punished; and

(d) what steps have been taken to protoect people from harmful, spurious and sub-standard drugs in the absence of ineffective drugs control administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vehicles with Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad

1177. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What are the details of vehicles under the charge of the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad, meant strictly for performing official duty;

(b) whether the cocerned officer has been authorised for using official vehicle for his family members and school going children; and

(c) What is the expenditure incurred on fuel during the period from January, 1985 to June, 1987, monthwise, separately and the total expenditure incurred on maintenance of the vehicles in question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are two vehicles under the overall charge

of Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad :—

(i) UTE—8679 and (ii) USA—6016 These vehicles are utilised not only by Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer but also by other officers of Mechanical Branch of Allahabad Division by visiting officers from Headquarters| others divisions for official work and by senior supervisiors in case of emergencies.

(b) No.

(c) The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Vehicles with Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad.

Month	Year 1985		1986		1987	
	Vehicle No. USA 6016	Vehicle No. UTE 8679	USA 6016	UTE 8679	USA 6016	UTE 8679
Jan.	836·45	1119·20	1392·93	1382·05	1912·80	1478·80
Feb.	954·00	985·80	785·20	1307·00	1945·40	1801·20
Mar.	521·30	798·70	1332·50	1440·70	1866·40	2111·05
Apr.	1255·15	797·55	869·00	1239·85	NIL	2516·15
May	1750·22	1451·50	434·50	1603·70	NIL	1798·69
June	1124·60	1016·40	632·50	1358·80	NIL	1117·35
July	1560·70	1124·60	1106·00	1469·60		
Aug.	1489·03	747·80	1092·80	1374·60		
Sept.	1270·50	435·60	1216·60	1580·00		
Oct.	1415·70	871·20	1699·50	1572·10		
Nov.	1415·70	1042·20	1366·70	1241·65		
Dec.	569·03	1470·10	2212·50	1493·70		
TOTAL:	14152·38	10760·65	14130·73	17063·75	5722·60	10823·24

Total Expenditure on Maintenance (Yearwise)

Year	Vehicle	
	USA 6016	UTE 8679
1985	2987·43	4485·00
1986	2292·05	4218·00
1987 Up to June, 1987	5466·38	5044·00